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PASSPORT

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PASSPORT INFORMATION TO DEA

IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY HARD INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE
INDICATING THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
REPORTING THE LOSS OR THEFT OF PASSPORTS ARE ENGAGED IN
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING, OR THAT LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS ARE
BEING USED BY OTHERS TO FACILITATE THE TRAFFICKING OF
NARCOTICS, THE BLANKET RELEASE OF INFORMATION AS REQUEST-
ED BY DEA - NEW DELHI MUST BE CONSIDERED UNWARRANTED GIVEN
STRICTURES CONTAINED IN PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 AND
DEPARTMENT'S REGULATIONS.

THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT A NEXUS DOES NOT EXIST BETWEEN
LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS AND NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. HOW-
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EVER, CASES DISCOVERED TO DATE FAIL TO PROVIDE A BASIS

SUFFICIENTLY BROAD ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY RELEASE OF INFORMATION AS CONTEMPLATED BY DEA'S REQUEST.

IN THE EVENT SUCH HARD INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE IS SUBMITTED TO DEPARTMENT (PPT/L), DEA REQUEST WILL BE RECONSIDERED SINCE IT IS DEPARTMENT'S BELIEF THAT ALL POSSIBLE LEGITIMATE AID SHOULD BE ACCORDED THOSE AGENCIES

RESPONSIBLE FOR COMBATING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. BECAUSE ANY DECISION TO ENTER INTO SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL.

UNDER PRIVACY ACT AND DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY AS THEY RELATE TO "ROUTINE USE" FOR WHICH PASSPORT INFORMATION IS OBTAINED, RELEASE OF SUCH INFORMATION MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO WAYS. DEPARTMENT MAY, UPON OWN INITIATIVE, RELEASE INFORMATION FROM INDIVIDUAL PASSPORT FILE TO ANOTHER AGENCY BASED UPON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY WHERE ANALYSIS OF FACTS IN THE INDIVIDUAL CASE RAISE STRONG POSSIBILITY PASSPORT APPLICANT OR BEARER MAY BE ENGAGED IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR THAT PASSPORT DOCUMENT ITSELF IS BEING USED TO FACILITATE SUCH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. IN THE ALTERNATIVE, A FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATIVE AGENCY MAY BE PROVIDED INFORMATION IN INDIVIDUAL CASE ON BASIS OF WRITTEN REQUEST FROM THAT AGENCY INDICATING CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY IN FURTHERANCE OF WHICH SUCH INFORMATION IS REQUIRED.

THE DEPARTMENT REGRETS THE DELAY IN PROVIDING A SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S INQUIRY. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE THAT PRIVACY ACT HAS CREATED MANY NEW AND SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN FEDERAL AGENCIES WHICH WILL TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND STUDY TO RESOLVE. INGERSOLL

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